

Finn's Guide to Finding Your Way: Mastering Grid References

Navigate the World with Finn the Dolphin – Map Your Adventure!

- Eastings are the vertical lines that move from left to right; always remember to walk along the corridor before you go up the stairs.
- Northings are the horizontal lines that move from bottom to top, representing the distance north of the map's origin point.
- A four-figure grid reference identifies the bottom-left corner of a specific map square, giving you a general area to explore.
- A six-figure grid reference provides much greater detail by dividing each square into tenths, allowing you to pinpoint an exact landmark like a church or a bridge.
- When reading coordinates, the easting is always stated first, followed by the northing to create a unique pair of numbers.

Did you know? Did you know? The grid lines you see on maps are based on the British National Grid system. This clever mathematical framework allows us to identify any location in the United Kingdom with pinpoint precision, ensuring that explorers like Finn can always find their way back home across the vast landscape!

Key vocabulary: Easting · Northing · Grid square · Ordnance Survey · Coordinates · Topography · Scale